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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 April 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 14-17 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 14-17 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to the filing of the application papers on 16 April 2004. Claims 14-17 are pending; claims 1-13 have been cancelled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 14-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hafizi (5,729,033).

Hafizi discloses a heterojunction bipolar transistor including a sub-collector (4); a collector (6) atop the sub-collector (4); a base (8) atop the collector (6); a base contact (48, 49) atop the base (8); an emitter (10) atop the base (8); an emitter cap (12) atop the emitter (10) (col. 3, line 59 thru col. 4, line 29), the emitter cap (12) comprising a sidewall with a reentry feature; and an emitter metal (46) atop the emitter cap (12) (Fig. 1k; col. 7, lines 22-40).

Referring to claim 15, the reentry feature comprises an undercut profile (col. 6, line 39 thru col. 7, line 11).

Referring to claim 16, wherein at least one of the base and the collector comprises a second sidewall with a second reentry feature (col. 6, line 39 thru col. 7, line 11).

Referring to claim 17, wherein the second reentry feature comprises an undercut profile (col. 6, line 39 thru col. 7, line 11).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Yagura (6,310,368) discloses a heterojunction bipolar transistor including a sub-collector; a collector; a base; a base contact; an emitter; an emitter cap, the emitter cap comprising a sidewall with a reentry feature; an emitter metal, wherein the reentry feature comprises an undercut profile; and at least one of the base and the collector comprises a second sidewall with a second reentry feature, wherein the second reentry feature comprises an undercut profile.

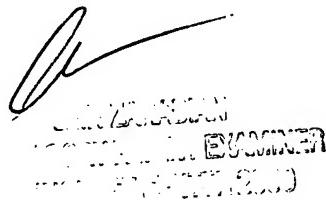
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pamela E. Perkins whose telephone number is (571) 272-1840. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amir Zarabian can be reached on (571) 272-1852. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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